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**Subject:** progress and highlights for upcoming JM--opportunity to provide input/review  
**Attachments:** 4--PIR and MTO results ENV-JM-RD(2020)3.pdf; 4--(RD) IDE ChemCo.pdf; 4--(RD) IDE EPOC.pdf; 4--progress-report-on-chemical-safety-and-biosafety-november-2019.pdf

Hello, everyone,

The Secretariat is experimenting with a different approach to the supporting meeting documents for the routine "Progress and Highlights" agenda item at this upcoming JM. Instead of preparing a separate Progress and Highlights document, describing all of the accomplishments since the last JM, they are intending to rely on the public progress report that is typically generated every 8 months, between JMs. It came out in December, so a bit late. Usually, we do not have much of a position on this item (since it's just reporting on things that already happened or work already completed), but we do often have some minor edits to the meeting document. I expect we will have the usual Powerpoint presentation from the Secretariat and there won't be a good deal more discussion than there usually is. That said, it might be worthwhile for you to take a look at the Progress Report, particularly as it pertains to your particular OECD work. If you see anything wildly wrong in there, we can at least get that correction on record. A portion of the presentation will also cover the outcome of the IDEs that pertain to the JM. There is one specifically for the Chemicals Committee, which was unusually positive (not unusual for our group—we generally get "good marks," but rather outstanding OECD-wide), and one for EPOC which, for the time being, is the official parent body of the WPCPB. You may be interested to look at the summary of the Chemicals Committee IDE, at least. There is also a document that goes into the results of the most recent PIR and MTO, the surveys that it seems like either I or the Secretariat directly (or both!) are trying to persuade at least some of you to fill out every few months.

Comments, if any, on any errors you note in the progress report, or on any special items you suggest that the US delegation might wish to mention in talking points are welcome. If you can get them to me by no later than COB Monday, 1/27, that will assure that I can alert our head of delegation to the issue before we depart for the meeting.

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